



Your Support Makes a Difference

Thank you for choosing to travel to Nicaragua with CEPAD! We are excited to host you. And we are anxious for you to meet and serve with the wonderful people in the villages in which we work.

Please consider supporting CEPAD by making a donation to a core program or a specific area in which we work. CEPAD is successful because of people like you, generous individuals, churches and universities who give relationship, service and access to resources.

One of the easiest ways to raise funds for CEPAD's core programs is before you arrive in Nicaragua. Here are a few ways that have been successful for others:

- **Increase the daily cost per participant:** This is an easy way to make a significant contribution! For example, if each participant on a 8 day trip raises an extra \$20/day, a team of 10 can make a gift of \$1,600 to CEPAD! Or double this by asking members to raise \$40/day extra. When family and friends can easily make \$50 contributions or more toward your trip, it does not take many loved ones to invite to make your visit and a donation a reality (see below).
- **Hold a fundraiser:** If you are self funding your trip or if you church underwrites it, have a small auction or a series of small dinners where you ask people to make donations. You have the good fortune of telling them that 100% of their giving will be directed to help the second poorest country in the western hemisphere. Adding bake sales and car washes are a great way to involve youth. You could also create cards with different amounts with specific things that people can support. For example, \$25 to buy seeds for a farmer, \$50 for a youth training, etc. People get excited when they know what they are actually supporting!
- **Ask friends and family:** Your friends and family want to support the things that are important to you. If you ask them to support the work of CEPAD they will most likely be happy to do so!
- **Ask your church's Missions Committee:** Your church might support the work of CEPAD through a formal gift from the missions committee. You will never know unless you ask, if the committee is interested you can put them directly in touch with CEPAD to actually prepare the information for them.

Other possibilities exist. Be creative and have fun! If you would like to talk more about fundraising for CEPAD's core programs, please get in touch with Emily Hewes, Director of Development for CEPAD USA by email at emily@cepadusa.org or by phone at [\(207\) 922-9849](tel:(207)922-9849).